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CFHA Notice: Important Staff Changes

The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority is pleased to announce several staffing and organizational changes. These changes include familiar names and faces as well as new ones:

- Kurt Aldinger is now Compliance and Reporting Manager.
- Caleb Alexander, your newsletter editor, is now the Assistant Director.
- We have brought on several new Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) staff: Marschelle Honeyestewa, Evette Estrada, and Alec Walsh.
- Cherise Barreto-Aguilar is now our Lead Housing Voucher Specialist.
- Tracey French is now our Finance Manager

The CFHA staff will continue to deliver high quality customer service. We are currently filling administrative and maintenance positions, as well.

Many of our residents are familiar with Kurt Aldinger in his previous role as the Housing Manager. As Compliance and Reporting Manager, Kurt will have less resident contact, but continue to be an invaluable part of the Housing Team. He will ensure quality policy and provide an unbiased perspective during hearings. We are glad that his expertise will continue to inform CFHA operations.

My new position as Housing Authority Assistant Director oversees our valued Housing Specialists, Jayne Wittman and Patricia Sauers, as well



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as HCV staff. Therefore, many of the items raised to Kurt in the past will now come to me.

Many residents won't experience much difference between the old and the new. Those that spoke with Kurt regularly may notice his absence from day-to-day operations as he no longer serves in his previous supervisory role. He is still present and your housing specialist is still your first point of contact with changes, questions, or concerns. If you have additional concerns to raise, you can contact me with the details under the Contact Us section to the left.

Thank you,
Caleb Alexander
 Assistant Director
 City of Flagstaff Housing Authority

Rent & Late Fees Reminder

Quick Reminders

- Rent is due the 1st business day of the month: Nov. 1, Dec. 1, Jan. 3, etc.
- Late fees of \$25 are applied the 6th business day of the month: Nov. 8, Dec. 8, Jan 10.
- Drop off payment before 8:00 am on the sixth business day to avoid late fees.
- Only complete payments will be accepted.
- The Three Late Payment Policy can result in program termination.
- Failure to pay rent following notices may result in court action.

Rent Review in Detail

We have returned to the approved rent collection policy. Going forward, late fees and Not Sufficient Funds (NSF) fees will be charged on any balances unpaid by opening of business on the sixth working day of the month (Monday-Friday with the exception of holidays). These will now count under the three late payment policy. Additional time will be given to pay charges before court action; however, balances that are unpaid following expiration of the initial 30-day notice and follow up 14-day notice will be filed. **Partial payments will no longer be accepted.**

Please be aware that there is no “rent forgiveness.” If your income has gone down, contact your specialist to discuss a rent adjustment. If you are behind or if you will have trouble paying any past due amount, contact your Specialist to make an arrangement to repay the past due amount in installments.

Please be aware that AZ DES is offering rental and utility assistance. If you wish to apply for this assistance, please contact Kurt Aldinger at kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov or **(928) 213-2736** to make an appointment.

Notice: Maintain Clear, Safe Sidewalks

Please do your part to maintain clear, safe sidewalks. Sidewalks are used by all and should not collect personal items. It is also resident responsibility to clear sidewalks of snow. If you are not able to clear sidewalks of snow, notify Maintenance at 213-2731.

Recipe: Red Hot Spicy Chickpea & Pasta Soup

Thank you to our Clark Homes resident for submitting this recipe! Let us know your thoughts when you give it a try!

Ingredients

- 2 Tbs olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves
- 3 red chiles
- 6 ripe tomatoes
- 4 & 1/4 soup stock
- 14 oz can chickpeas
- 4 oz dry pasta shapes
- 1 bunch scallions
- 1 Tbs fresh mint
- Salt to taste
- Parmesan to taste

Directions

1. Crush garlic, seed and chop chiles, peel and chop tomatoes, drain and rinse chickpeas, chop scallions and chop mint.
2. Heat oil in a large sauce pan.
3. Add chiles and garlic, cook gently for 2 min.
4. Stir in tomatoes, stock, and chickpeas, bring to a boil.
5. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 20 min.
6. Add pasta and simmer for 5 min. or until pasta is tender.
7. Stir in scallions, mint, and salt.
8. Add additional salt and pepper to taste.
9. Serve in bowls and garnish with Parmesan.

Image Source: melaniemakes.com



Child ID Kits with Flagstaff PD

The Flagstaff Police Department has recently acquired Child ID Kits. Kits guide the gathering of identifying information to aid in an investigation. Kits assist in gathering items like hair, fingerprints, a clear photo, and personal information.

Kits can be picked up from Tynkertopia at 3330 E Elder Drive or from the Police Department at 911 Sawmill Rd. while supplies last. The Flagstaff Police non-emergency number is (928) 774-1414.

You & Your Wallet: Setting Financial Goals

In previous Y&YW we've talked about setting a budget, paying down debt, building savings, and emergency funds. If you want to review those, see flagstaff.az.gov/4175 or newsletters can be provided at the front desk.

You can use those skills to reach financial goals! Financial goals include many prospects, such as:

- Saving up for a college or continuing education
- Purchasing/Leasing a new vehicle
- Starting your own business
- Saving up for a down payment on a home

These goals can feel distant, but they start with good habits around paying off credit, saving each month or pay period, and sticking to a budget. Community resources can also help! For support look into:



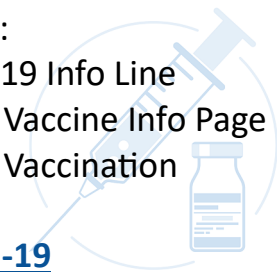
- Coconino County Individual Development Accounts for education and business development at coconino.az.gov/495 or call (928) 679-7453.
- Coconino County Building Businesses & Entrepreneurs class at coconino.az.gov/495 or call (928) 679-7453.
- Housing Solutions of NAZ Credit Counseling at housingnaz.org/credit-counseling or call (928) 214-7456.
- Housing Solutions of NAZ Pre-Purchase assistance at housingnaz.org/pre-purchase-assistance or call (928) 214-7456.

Services like the Individual Development Accounts and Community Homebuying Assistance Program (offered by the City of Flagstaff, administered by Housing Solutions) can match your contributions, making it easier and faster to reach your goals.

COVID-19 Vaccinations & Info

For vaccination information:

- [\(928\) 679-7300](tel:9286797300) - COVID-19 Info Line
- Coconino.az.gov/2547 - Vaccine Info Page
- Coconino.az.gov/2580 - Vaccination Locations
- CDC.gov/vaccines/covid-19



Kids' STEAM Corner: Dancing Corn

Can you make corn dance? Kids will love this fall science activity. This dancing corn experiment can be done any time of the year, but it's particularly fun during the Fall season. This experiment appears almost magical, but it uses baking soda and vinegar for a classic chemical reaction.

What you'll need:

- Tall mason jar or other glass container
- 1/8-1/4 cup of popping corn
- 2 tbsp of baking soda
- 1 cup of vinegar (use as needed)
- 2 cups of water

What you'll do:

An adult may want to assist with the measuring and pouring for especially young scientists.

1. Fill the jar with 2 cups of water to start.
2. Add 2 tablespoons of baking soda and stir well to mix thoroughly.

Discussion Point: Ask your scientists which solids dissolve in water and ask why that might be!

3. Optionally, add a drop of food coloring.
4. Add the corn kernels. You don't need to add too many for a fun dancing effect.

Discussion Point: Now ask for hypotheses (aka predictions) about what your scientists think will happen when the vinegar is added.

5. Add the vinegar slowly for your first experiment. Filling it quickly results in a good eruption!

Discussion Point: Chemistry is all about states of matter including liquids, solids, and gasses. A chemical reaction occurs between two or more substances that change and form a new substance. In this case, an acid (the liquid vinegar) and a base (the solid baking soda in solution) combine to make carbon dioxide (gas) which produces the dancing action (or dramatic eruption). The carbon dioxide bubbles lift the corn, but as the bubbles pop, the corn falls back down. The corn may "dance" for 30 minutes or longer!





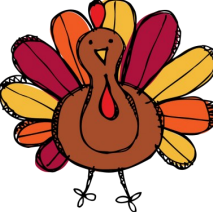



Source: Little Bins for Little Hands, littlebinsforlittlehands.com/dancing-corn-thanksgiving-science-activity

Your Story Could be Featured in Next Month's Newsletter!

If you have news of accomplishments, original artwork, poetry, community group news, recipes, or if you just want to see something specific on the next newsletter, we want to hear from you! Drop off a letter at the Siler Homes office or send an email to caleb.alexander@flagstaffaz.gov.

Bulk trash pickup should be placed curbside by 6:00 am on the Monday of your collection week.

November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Trash Pickup</u> Crestview and Cedar	<u>Trash Pickup</u> All Sunnyside Scattered Sites <u>Recycling Pickup</u> Brannen and Verde	<u>Trash Pickup</u> Siler, Brannen, Steves, Alta Vista, Lockett, and Verde	<u>Recycling Pickup</u> Cedar and Crestview	<u>Recycling Pickup</u> Siler, Lockett, Alta Vista, Steves, and all Sunnyside Scattered Sites
November 1 <u>Public Housing Rent Due</u> <u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Crestview, & Cedar	2 	3	3	5
8 <u>Public Housing Late Rent Fees Applied at 8am, Notices Sent</u>	9 <u>< Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Siler, Greenlaw, & Scattered Sites	10	11 <u>All City Offices Closed 11/11</u> <u>Veterans' Day</u>	
15 <u>Last day to turn in LIPH Recert. Packets for February, 8am</u>	16	17 	18	19
22 <u>Last Day to Pay October Rent to Avoid Court Action</u>	23 <u>< Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Brannen & Verde	24 <u>Last day to report changes to insure rent decrease</u>	25 	26 <u>All City Offices Closed 11/25 & 26</u> <u>Thanksgiving Holiday</u>
29 	30	December 1 <u>Public Housing Rent Due</u>	December 2	December 3 

December's Rent Dates

Late fees applied: On 8:00 am on Wednesday, December 8th

Last day to pay previous month's rent to avoid court action: By 8:00 am on Wednesday, December 22nd

